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## Senate

The third day of January being the day prescribed by the Constitution of the United States for the annual meeting of the Congress, the Senate assembled in its Chamber at the Capitol for the commencement of the 1st session of the 117th Congress and at 12:01 p.m. was called to order by the Vice President (Mr. PENCE).

### PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Barry C. Black, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray.

Eternal God, who wraps the ocean in a cloak, You make the rough places smooth and the crooked places straight.

As we begin this 117th Congress, provide our incoming Senators with Your wisdom and direction. Lord, use them to transform dark yesterdays into bright tomorrows.

Bless all our legislators with Your intervening love. Pursue them with such goodness and mercy that they will be inspired to tell of Your faithfulness so that unborn generations will know and love You.

Lord, You are our shield and You give us victory.

We pray in Your marvelous Name. Amen.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The VICE PRESIDENT led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

### CERTIFICATES OF ELECTION

The VICE PRESIDENT. The Chair lays before the Senate the certificates of election of 32 Senators elected for 6-year terms beginning on January 3, 2021. All certificates, the Chair is advised, are in the form suggested by the

Senate or contain all essential requirements of the form suggested by the Senate. If there be no objection, the reading of the certificates will be waived and they will be printed in full in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

#### STATE OF NEW JERSEY

##### CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION

*To the President of the Senate of the United States:*

This is to certify that on the third day of November, 2020, Cory Booker, was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of New Jersey, a Senator from said State to represent said State in the Senate of the United States for the term of six years, beginning on the third day of January, 2021.

Given, under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of New Jersey, this seventh day of December two thousand and twenty.

By the Governor:

PHIL MURPHY,  
Governor.

Attest:

TAHESHA WAY,  
Secretary of State.

[State Seal Affixed]

#### STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA

CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION FOR SIX-YEAR TERM  
*To the President of the Senate of the United States:*

This is to certify that on the third day of November, Two Thousand Twenty, Shelley Moore Capito was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of West Virginia, a Senator from said State to represent said State in the Senate of the United States for the term of six years beginning on the third day of January, Two Thousand Twenty-one.

Witness: His excellency our governor, James C. Justice, and our seal hereto affixed at Charleston this 9th day of December, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty.

By the governor:

JAMES C. JUSTICE,  
Governor.

Attest:

MAC WARNER,  
Secretary of State.

[State Seal Affixed]

#### STATE OF LOUISIANA

CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION FOR SIX-YEAR TERM  
*To the President of the Senate of the United States:*

This is to certify that on the 3rd day of November, 2020, "Bill" Cassidy was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of Louisiana a Senator from said State to represent said State in the Senate of the United States for the term of six years, beginning on the 3rd day of January, 2021.

Witness: His Excellency our Governor John Bel Edwards, and our seal hereto affixed at Baton Rouge, Louisiana this 1st day of December, in the year of our Lord 2020.

By the Governor:

JOHN BEL EDWARDS,  
Governor of Louisiana.

Attest:

R. KYLE ARDOIN,  
Secretary of State.

[State Seal Affixed]

#### STATE OF MAINE

*To President of the Senate of the United States:*

This is to certify that on the third day of November, in the year Two Thousand and Twenty, Susan Margaret Collins, was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of Maine, a Senator from said State to represent said State in the Senate of the United States for the term of six years, beginning on the third day of January, in the year Two Thousand and Twenty-one.

Witness: Her excellency our Governor, Janet T. Mills, and our seal hereto affixed at Augusta, Maine this twenty-third day of November, in the year of our Lord Two Thousand and Twenty.

By the Governor:

JANET T. MILLS,  
Governor.

Attest:

MATTHEW DUNLAP,  
Secretary of State.

[State Seal Affixed]

#### STATE OF DELAWARE

*To all Persons to Whom These Presents Shall Come, Greetings:*

Whereas, an election was held in the State of Delaware, on Tuesday, the third day of November, in the year of our Lord two thousand twenty, that being the Tuesday next after the first Monday in said month, in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution and Laws of the State of Delaware, in that behalf, for the purpose of choosing by

• This "bullet" symbol identifies statements or insertions which are not spoken by a Member of the Senate on the floor.



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